

STRIKE IS REMOTE, SAYS UNION LEADER

Railroad Men Will Make Individual Demands For Increase.

PRESIDENT HILL SOUNDS WARNING

Declares If Strike Should Fail, Men Must Go Elsewhere.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—That the possibility of a strike on the part of the thousands of Eastern members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors is very remote, is the assertion made today by James Murdock, fifth vice president of the trainmen.

The employees of thirty-two of the railroads in the East will, on January 3, make a demand upon their respective railroad managers for an increase in wages and a concession to hours. These demands will be made by the men as employees of the road, and not as members of the Brotherhood of Trainmen or the Brotherhood of Conductors.

"The two brotherhoods," declares Murdock, "can take no official recognition of the demands, under their constitutions, until the members make a request for such action. If the managers and their employees can agree, there will be no official action on the part of the brotherhoods. If an agreement cannot be reached, the employees of the roads will then lay the matter before their respective brotherhoods for action. Not until then will the officers of the brotherhoods enter the conference."

"Talk is Bosh." "Talk of a strike at this time is bosh. I am not here at this time to confer with the managers, as has been stated, because the men have not made their demands and I have not been called officially into the matter." George F. Bosh, president of the Philadelphia and Reading, held a conference late yesterday with several railroad presidents at the Central railroad building, to discuss informally the demands that are to be made by the trainmen and conductors. Neither Bosh nor President W. H. Truesdale, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, who was present, would discuss the situation.

"Do you think there will be a strike?" Truesdale was asked. "There ought not to be. I don't see why there should be any trouble," he replied.

Hawley Coming East. MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 8.—President Hawley, of the Switchmen's Union of North America, will leave tonight for the East, and it is reported will meet President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, at Cincinnati Friday.

This conference may result in the issuance of some declaration by Gompers, but in so far as the sentiment at strike headquarters is concerned, it is not expected Gompers will allow a sympathetic strike. Strike leaders declare they could enlist the support of affiliated orders, but that as they are confident of victory they don't think such a step necessary.

One of Hawley's missions in the East, it is stated, will be to attend a conference with the committee of switchmen that will shortly meet with the general managers' committee and take up the wage question with all the railroads west of Buffalo, exclusive of this territory.

Sorry for Men. President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, declares if the strike is broken he is sorry for the men, that he will take back men who have families, but that the agitators must go elsewhere for jobs.

Representative Twin City shippers report conditions are nearly normal. They claim freight is sent out almost as soon as delivered.

Reports received at strike headquarters say the strikers are standing firm and that the railroads are tied up.

TAFT WILL SPEAK IN HONOR OF MCKIM

Medal Will Be Presented to Representatives of Family of Noted Architect.

President Taft, Senator Root, and Joseph H. Choate are to be the principal speakers at the special meeting of the American Institute of Architects to be held at the Corcoran Gallery of Art on the evening of December 15, in commemoration of the life and work of the late Charles Follen McKim.

The meeting will have special significance in that the institute authorized the award of a special gold medal to Mr. McKim one year ago, and Mr. McKim died before the medal could be finished and presented. This occasion will be taken to present the medal to a representative of his family.

Cass Gilbert has been designated to make the presentation, and William Rutherford Mead, for years associated with Mr. McKim, will receive the medal.

FAVORS REVIVING VICE ADMIRAL RANK

Admiral Potter Believes American Officers Are Outranked by Foreigners Unjustly.

Admiral Potter, chief of the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department, is in favor of reviving the rank of vice admiral in the American navy.

He says that for no other reason it should be rehabilitated on account of the social advantages it will afford certain American officers who at present when mingling with the highly graded European officers are forced to take back seats at banquets and all official functions where rank counts in the matter of seating precedence.

"In foreign services," he says in his annual report just made public, "there are three distinct grades which are above the rank of rear admiral, and it always happens that in all international assemblages of men-of-war the officers in command of a United States fleet is outranked by a foreigner."

APACHE DOG GUARDS THIEF FROM POLICE

Bites Officer and Barks, Enabling Burglar to Escape From the House.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—The injury today of a Paris policeman by an "Apache dog" which was standing guard at a house

and by attacking the policeman, warned the burglar and permitted him to escape. The incident was the third of its kind in the last week. "Apache dogs" were introduced into Paris six months ago. The only difference between them and Paris' famous "police dogs" is that they serve the law-breaking element instead of the police. "Apache dogs" are trained to fight the "police dogs" and to give the alarm to their masters when the police approach a place where a "job" is under way. In many cases they have attacked the police with great ferocity.

These dogs have proved of such aid to the criminal class that in six months' time hundreds of them have been either imported or trained from the canine rank and file.

AFFIRMATIVE SIDE WINNER IN DEBATE

Young Men's Senate Hears Interesting Discussion In Alexandria.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ALEXANDRIA, VA., DEC. 8.

A largely attended and interesting meeting of the Young Men's Senate was held in the Young People's building, when the following resolution was debated:

"Resolved, That the vitriol streets of Alexandria shall be swept after midnight on Saturdays instead of in the afternoon as now done."

The affirmative side of this question was taken by Senators Graham, Baggett, and Monroe, and the negative side by Senators Chittell and Mitchell.

After much debate the question was put to a vote, the affirmative side being given the decision.

At the meeting next Tuesday evening the following resolution will be debated:

"Resolved, That the date for the inauguration of the President be changed to the first Thursday in April."

The debaters will be Senators Nicklin and Garner, on the affirmative side, and Senators Hunter and Mitchell on the negative.

In the presence of only a few intimate friends Miss Lucy Lee Brooks, daughter of Mrs. William Fowle Brooks, became the bride of William Lewis Packard, Jr., of Geneva, N. Y., at noon today.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. P. P. Phillips, pastor of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, at the home of the bride at the corner of Prince and Washington streets.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Esther Fowle Brooks, as maid of honor. Owing to a recent death in the family the wedding was very quiet.

Fitzgerald Council, No. 459, Knights of Columbus, will hold a meeting at St. Mary's Hall, in South Royal street, this evening, when the annual election of officers will be held.

On next Friday evening the Elks Dramatic Club will present the play, "A Modern Ananias," at the Opera House in this city. The proceeds will go to the Elks annual charity fund.

The funeral of Mrs. Annie E. Shock, who died in Washington a few days ago, was held from Wesleyan's establishment in King street, this morning at 11 o'clock. The Rev. C. D. Bulla, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, conducted the funeral services, and the burial was in the old Methodist cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Frances Wells, who died in Gloucester, Mass., last Sunday, will be held from Grace Protestant Episcopal Church here tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Edgar Carpenter, pastor of that church, will conduct the funeral services and the burial will be in the Union Cemetery.

By 12 to 5, the basketball team of the Old Dominion Glass Company yesterday defeated the team of the A. L. I. at Armory Hall.

A meeting of the Young Men's Social League was held in the Duke street hall last evening. Officers were nominated to be elected at the first meeting in January.

GOODING FUNERAL IS SET FOR FRIDAY

Statistician of Census Bureau Will Be Buried in Rock Creek Cemetery.

The funeral services of Clarence Fisher Gooding will be held at the family residence, 1205 Quincy street northwest, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The service will be under Masonic auspices, the Rev. Walter Smith, chaplain of Pentapolis Lodge, of which Mr. Gooding was a member, officiating. Interment will be in Rock Creek Cemetery.

Mr. Gooding was a native of Chicago. At the outbreak of the civil war he enlisted with the Fifth Illinois Volunteers, and served throughout. At the close of the war he returned to Chicago and entered the law. For many years he served as justice in Chicago.

In 1899 he came to Washington to accept an appointment as statistician in the Census Bureau, and remained in the service until his death.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

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MANY MORE CAPITAL PLEASED BY VERDI

Vivid Presentation Given in Baltimore of Verdi's Lyrical Drama.

Those who braved the extremities of the weather and the rigors of a Baltimore winter to hear the Metropolitan Opera Company give Verdi's "Otello," returned to Washington a bit frazzled, but satisfied.

Leo Slezak, physical giant, dramatic genius, and musical wonder, presented a picture of the immortal Moor with a vividness which reached close to the line of terror. Possessing a voice capable of expressing every emotion, from the sweetest whisper of love to the demoniac frenzy of passionate jealousy; a very Hercules for strength, and temperamentally dramatic, Slezak, before the curtain had gone down on the second act, had the audience in a grip almost awesome in its intensity. Not behind hand, either, in his grasp of the possibilities of his tremendous role was Pasquale Amato, as Tago. Personable, to a degree, robustly graceful, master of facial expression and gifted with the ability to use a beautifully resonant and expressive voice through all the gamuts of dramatic expression, Amato played admirably. Not twice in a life time is it given to see such a combination as the two made last night. Slezak, as the Moor, was awful in his tremendously tragic possibilities, while Amato, as Tago, was a very incarnate devil, his evilly murderous and insidious knavery.

Lyrical Drama. "Otello," which is described as a lyrical drama in four acts, is a masterpiece of Verdi's, based upon the tragedy of Shakespeare. The opera follows in detail the play, the theme affording Verdi an ample opportunity for the display of color which marks his work in some of its most excited moods.

The cast was competent to a degree, not only from the musical, but from the dramatic standpoint, and the presentation formed a series of scenes developed with all the concomitants of perfect scenery and a choral background of ample proportions and perfect training. The work of the evening hinged on Slezak, the new tenor over whom New York has gone into raptures. Amato, one of the Metropolitan favorites, and Angelo Bada, who last week was heard in a less consequential role in "Tosca," then acted in the action of "Otello." The development, score, and text proceeded and swings along without interruption to the final scene of the Moor's Desdemona and the self-inflicted death of Otello.

Honors Divided. Gradually working up to the first scene in the third act, where Iago, by the aid of the plumed handkerchief, fans Otello's jealousy to a blood-red passion, Amato and Slezak divided honors equally in an ovation which reached the extreme limits of hoarsely shouted bravos and a thunderous and prolonged applause which served as the easiest means to release the pent-up emotions of the auditors worked upon by the music and the picture of the stage.

The Desdemona of Frances Alda, while it lacked in subtlety, was pleasing from the standpoint of the musician. Alda has a clear, sweet, though rather cold and formal, voice, which she uses with discrimination.

Florence Wickham, as Emillo, carried a supplementary role with distinction, her luscious contralto voice being delivered with dramatic insight and effectiveness. The chorus, notably in the drinking scene, in the first act, was admirable, while the exacting orchestral score, under the direction of Victor Podesti, rendered its proper quota to the rounding out of a performance, perfect to the smallest detail.

ROBERTA V. BRADSHAW.

"CONSCIENCE FUND" SWELLED BY \$160

This is not such a bad old world after all, thinks Treasurer Lee McClung, chief guardian of Uncle Sam's gigantic wallet.

The United States Treasury today is richer by \$160, which amount was sent to swell the "conscience fund." One letter contained \$90, and another had \$70, as the Treasury and the explanation that the sum was to pay for customs duty on personal effects brought into New York about two years ago, with interest on the amount of duty. The letter was sent from Philadelphia by special delivery.

WASHINGTON HOUSE BEING TORN DOWN

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The first Presidential mansion in the history of the United States is being torn to the ground today to make room for a modern building which shall pay more rental to owners of the property.

It is known as the old Van Alen house, and is located directly under one of the arches on the Manhattan side of the Brooklyn bridge on Cherry Hill. It was to this house that President Washington returned after taking the first oath of office, and there he resided from April 23, 1793, to February 23, 1796.

EELS CHOKE MILL WHEEL.

ELKTON, Md., Dec. 8.—Rather mysteriously the machinery in the flour mill of Records Brothers, near Blackbird, stopped suddenly. An investigation revealed sixteen large eels lodged in a part of the waterwheel, and it was necessary to remove them before the mill could be started again.

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